

Present Status of the Claims

Claim 1 (original): A method of manufacturing a candy product, comprising:

providing a holder having a cup-shaped portion, and a tubular portion projecting from said cup-shaped portion;

inserting a pin into said holder through said cup-shaped portion and said tubular portion to an outer end of said tubular portion opposite said cup-shaped portion;

dispensing liquid candy into a cavity in a mold;

inserting said tubular portion with said pin inserted therein into said liquid candy in said cavity;

allowing said candy to harden to anchor said tubular portion in said candy;

removing the hardened candy from said mold, and removing said pin from said holder to leave a passageway extending through said holder;

providing a reservoir sized and shaped to be gripped by a consumer's hand, and a reservoir cap configured to close an open end of said reservoir and having a break-away portion;

filling said reservoir with an edible fluid;

closing said reservoir by securing said cap over said open end; and

snapping said cup-shaped portion of said holder onto said cap, including engaging said cap in a manner that permits a subsequent consumer to pull up on said holder without removing said holder from said cap, to detach said break-away portion and open fluid communication between said reservoir and said passageway.

Claim 2 (original): The method of claim 1, wherein inserting said pin into said holder includes snapping an enlarged width portion of said pin into releasable engagement with an inner surface of said cup-shaped portion and maintaining an outer portion of said pin projecting outwardly from said holder opposite said tubular portion; and removing said pin from said holder

includes engaging said outer portion of said pin.

Claim 3 (original): The method of claim 1, wherein inserting said tubular portion into said liquid candy comprises moving said tubular portion into a position in which said outer end of said tubular portion is in close proximity to, but spaced from, an inner wall of said mold defining said cavity.

Claims 4 - 14 (cancelled)